

the admission of such person to the hospital, the superintendent of the hospital shall notify the State Department of Mental Health that such person appears to be a resident of another state, so that the State Department of Mental Health can take steps to establish such person's residence and have him transferred to the state in which he is legally resident.

After the legal residence of such alleged mentally ill person or alleged inebriate has been verified and confirmed by the state of his residence, such person shall be transferred to the state of his residence. If that state shall not provide for his removal to that state within a reasonable time, the superintendent of the State hospital shall cause him to be conveyed directly from the State hospital to the state of his legal residence and delivered there to the superintendent of the proper state hospital.

The cost of such proceedings and conveyance away from the State shall be borne by the county in which the person shall have been adjudged a proper subject for restraint, care, and treatment.

G. S. 122-39. Reciprocal Agreements with other States to Set Requirements for State Hospital Care and Release of Patients. The State Department of Mental Health is authorized to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states regarding the return of residents to or from such other states and for the purpose of fixing the requirements whereby a patient under hospitalization to a state hospital in such other state or states may be released and come into this State while still on conditional release from the state hospital of such other state or states. The said Department may also enter into reciprocal agreements with another state or states to fix and establish the requirements whereby a patient under hospitalization in a State hospital in this State may be released and go into such other state or states on conditional release from a State hospital in this State. Any such patient so released from a state hospital or other institution in another state or states for the purpose of coming into this State shall not be considered to gain residence in this State by any period of time he resides in this State, and a person or patient released from a State hospital in North Carolina will retain his North Carolina residence during his acceptance in the other state under agreements authorized under this Section. No members of the State Board of Mental Health or the Commissioner of Mental Health or any physician, psychiatrist, officer, agent, or employee of the State Department of Mental Health shall be held personally liable for any acts done or damages sustained by reason of any official acts done or committed under the authority of this Section.

G. S. 122-40. Transfer of Mentally Ill Citizens of North Carolina from Another State to North Carolina. The State Department of Mental Health is authorized, upon being satisfied that a person hospitalized in a state hospital for the mentally ill in another state is a resident of this State, to authorize such person to be returned to the appropriate institution in this State at the expense of the sending state. The hospitalization of an alleged mentally ill person or an alleged inebriate in another state and the authorization by the State Department of Mental Health for his return shall be sufficient authority for the superintendent of the appropriate State hospital in this State to hold this patient for a reasonable period not to exceed